



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

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Go, shine in
the world &
live as Jesus
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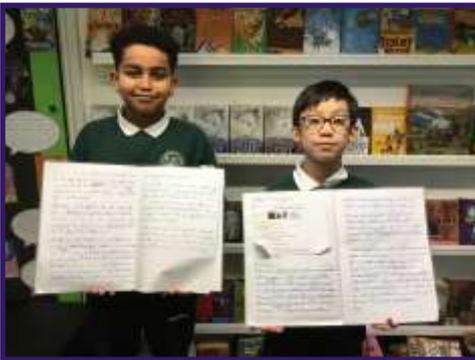
Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our Year 6 parents who joined us this week for an engaging English writing session. The children have been exploring *Goodnight Mister Tom*, drawing on their recent history learning about the Second World War to deepen their understanding of the text. During the lesson, pupils rewrote a key section of the story, showcasing their neatest handwriting and experimenting with a variety of sentence structures. Below are some very proud Year 6 pupils with some of their work from this lesson.

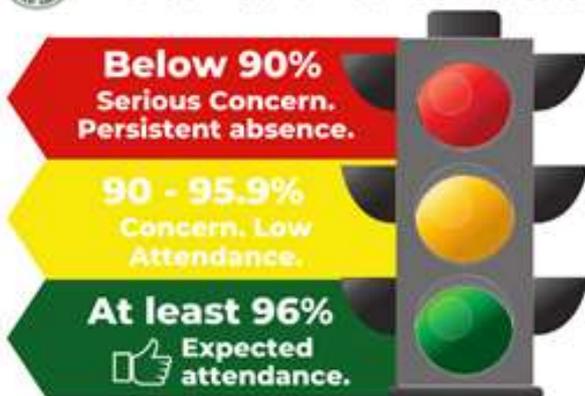
Please do keep an eye on the key dates overleaf—there's more Parents Working Alongside Children sessions and a movie afternoon to look forward to.

Best wishes, Ms O'Donovan (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Head of School)

Parents Working Alongside Children: Impressive Writing Lessons



ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

Movie Afternoon Fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul

On **Friday 6th February 2026**, our classrooms will transform into mini cinemas for a **Movie Afternoon** in support of St Vincent de Paul.

For just **£1**, pupils will enjoy:

- A brilliant film
- Popcorn and a drink
- Bring along a **cushion** or **blanket** from home



I have received and read the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School newsletter on **16.01.26**

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)



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Attendance...

Congratulations to Year 3 who received our attendance trophy for having the **best attendance in the school this week**. This means that the class will enjoy some extra playtime. The class with the best attendance for the half-term also get to enjoy an additional trip.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are very unwell.



Everyone at some point in their life will struggle with something. If you're affected right now with anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, overwhelm, anger or relationship issues, I can help.

Counselling helps people to quickly figure out their present challenges, get clear on what to change and how, and then bravely take first steps to repair, rebuild or transform their life going forward.

I'm Juliette Jackson a counsellor and psychotherapist (HG.Dip.P)
www.juliettejackson.co.uk.

I work with parents and carers like you from your child's school for no charge.
Booking a session is easy

Text me on 07887553124 or e mail me juliette@juliettejackson.co.uk and I'll get back to you.

Work of the Week...

Each week, we proudly showcase an outstanding piece of children's work in our school lobby. We invite you to pop in and take a look—it's always inspiring to see the effort our pupils put into their learning.

This week, we are delighted to feature **Eilah from Nursery** for her fantastic artwork! The Nursery children have been exploring underwater environments and Eilah has created an underwater scene that truly captures the theme.

Please do come and admire this wonderful piece for yourself.

Very well done Eilah!



Important Dates for your Diary...

Tuesday 27th January

Parents working alongside children in Year 5

Friday 30th January

Non uniform Day— Bring in £1 for charity

Tuesday 3rd February

Governor Visit Day

Wednesday 4th February

Parents working alongside children in Year 4

Friday 6th February

Movie Afternoon –fundraising event

Monday 9th February

Handwriting Week

Monday 16th February

Half term week



Our Prayer in Memory of Fr David

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Fr David, who served and supported St Joseph's School with such kindness and dedication. We remember his faith, his guidance and the care he showed to our community.

As we mark a year since his passing, we pray that he rests in Your eternal peace. Help us to follow his example of love and service.

Amen

Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Charles-Merrifield or Ms O'Donovan.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.





The Camden Reading Road Map



Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Camden Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to ELS@islington.gov.uk OR your teacher can request to have them picked up by us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends Friday 24th of April. Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.

